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SEE, SARGE? JUST LIKE I TOLD YA... NUTHIN' TA WORRY ABOUT! THESE REDS KNOW WHEN THEY'RE LICKED!
MEBBE SO, KID, BUT KEEP YER EYES PEELED ANYWAY! THE ONLY HARMLESS RED IS A DEAD ONE!
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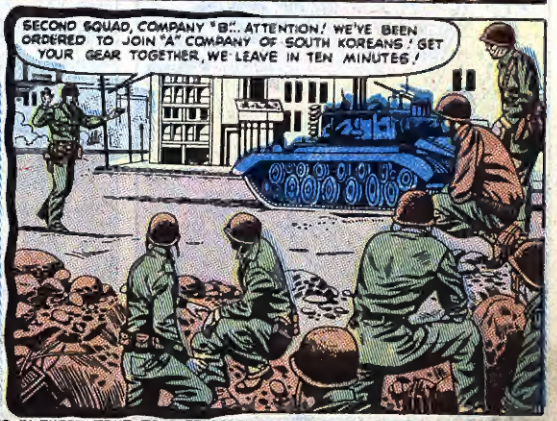
FIRING SQUAD

HOW COULD I PRESS THE TRIGGER...KILL...MURDER THIS BOY, THIS SOUTH KOREAN, WHO HAD BEEN MY BUDDY? HIS SKIN, HIS SPEECH WAS DIFFERENT FROM MINE, BUT WE HAD EATEN, SLEPT AND MARCHED TOGETHER! WE HAD SHARED EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS AND HOPES...WE WERE ONLY BOYS, FLOUNDERING AROUND IN A SHIFTING, UNCERTAIN WORLD! AND NOW THEY STOOD HIM AGAINST A WALL AND ORDERED US...ME... TO KILL HIM!

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND YOU'D HAVE TO KNOW THE WHOLE STORY! I'M CAL TURCOTT, A PRIVATE WITH COMPANY "B," SECOND SQUAD! WE WERE FRESH FROM OCCUPATIONAL DUTY IN JAPAN, WHEN CAPTAIN LASHER CAME UP TO US THAT DAY...


SECOND SQUAD, COMPANY "B"! ATTENTION! WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO JOIN "A" COMPANY OF SOUTH KOREANS! GET YOUR GEAR TOGETHER, WE LEAVE IN TEN MINUTES!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
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WE JOLTED ALONG THE ROUGH ROAD IN JEEPS TOWARD THE SOUTH KOREAN ENCAMPMENT...
ANOTHER LETTER FROM HOME, BEN?
YEAH... FROM THE WIFE!
SHE SENT ME A SNAPSHOT OF THE BABY! FUNNY BEING A FATHER AND NEVER SEEING YOUR KID... HE WAS BORN AFTER I LEFT!
SURE IS A CUTE KID!
HOW'S YOUR OLD MAN, JIM?
HE CAN'T RUN THE FARM WITHOUT ME TO HELP!
IT MUST BE SWELL HAVING A FAMILY! ME AND TILLY ARE PLANNING ONE WHEN I GET BACK!
I KNEW THEM ALL, THEIR WANTS AND WISHES ...IN WAR YOU GET AWFULLY CLOSE TO THE MEN IN YOUR OUTFIT!
DOWN, MEN! ENEMY PLANES COMING!
HOW HOW DID THOSE REDS KNOW WE WERE HERE?
KHOOOM!
BOOM
ALL CLEAR... LET'S GO!
JOE WON'T BE HAVING THAT FAMILY HE PLANNED!
POOR KID!
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WE HADN'T BEEN IN ACTION BEFORE, AND VIOLENT DEATH, STRIKING SO CLOSE, BRINGING DOWN A FELLOW WE KNEW, MADE US A SOBER BUNCH WHEN WE ROLLED INTO THE KOREAN CAMP!
THIS IS IT! ROLL OUT AND YOU'LL BE ASSIGNED TO QUARTERS!
WELCOME! WELCOME, YANK!
WE WERE ASSIGNED TO A KOREAN PATROL AND THERE WAS ONE SMILING LITTLE KOREAN CORPORAL THAT I TOOK TO IMMEDIATELY!
I CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY TONGUE AROUND YOUR NAME, PAL! THE CLOSEST I CAN COME IS "BOOTS"!
OKAY, CALL ME BOOTS! WE BE GOOD FRIENDS!
TANK ATTACK, MEN! GET THE LEAD OUT!
THOSE RED BOYS SURE GOT US SPOTTED!
BOOM!
BOOM!
IT'S JIM! IS HE?
YEAH! IT GOT HIM!
WE'RE PULLING OUT, MEN! FALL BACK... FALL BACK!
WE FELL BACK, FIGHTING! DURING THOSE SAD DAYS I GOT BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH BOOTS!
FRIENDS KILLED... TOO BAD! BUT THAT IS WAR!
GUESS THAT'S RIGHT, BOOTS!
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I SAVE BOTTLE OF RICE WINE! YOU DRINK, MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!
THANKS, BOOTS!
SOME DAY WAR OVER... FORGOTTEN, WE GO HOME! I GOT NICE FARM... MARRY GIRL... YOU HAVE GIRL, BUB?
YEAH... NAME'S LOUISE! SHE'S A BLONDE... AWFUL PRETTY! I'LL SHOW YOU HER PICTURE..!
K-3 RATIONS
SO ME AND BOOTS BECAME BUDDIES..!
MIGHT AS WELL GET SOME SHUT-EYE WHILE WE CAN! 'NIGHT, BOOTS!
'NIGHT! SLEEP... WHEN WE READY TO MOVE AGAIN, I WAKE YOU!
I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ASLEEP LONG WHEN THE NOISE WOKE ME!
WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT? (YAWN!)
THE KOREANS CAUGHT ONE OF THEIR OWN MEN SIGNALLING THE REDS! THAT'S HOW THEY KEPT US SPOTTED SO WELL! HE SOLD OUT HIS COUNTRY! LET'S SEE WHO IT IS!
K-3 RATIONS
IT WAS BOOTS...
BOOTS..? IT AIN'T POSSIBLE!
MEN, THIS BABY HAS CAUSED ENOUGH DAMAGE! WE'RE GOING TO EXECUTE HIM IMMEDIATELY! TURCOTT, HE BELONGED TO YOUR COMPANY, SO YOU'RE ELECTED!
I WAS IN SORT OF A DAZE! BEFORE I KNEW IT, WE AND THE KOREANS IN OUR OUTFIT WERE LINED UP, AND FACING BOOTS!
READY, MEN? TURCOTT, ...ARE YOU SET, TURCOTT?
I CAN'T SHOOT BOOTS...NOT BOOTS...HE WAS MY BUDDY!

ATTACK! THEY COME!
THIS CAN WAIT, MEN! LET'S GIVE IT TO THEM!
BOOM!

THEY CAME IN WAVES...BUT WE STOOD FAST AND MOWED THEM DOWN! THEN BEN GOT HIS TICKET TO OBLIVION!
ARGHHH!
BEN!

WE DROVE THEM BACK...REPULSED THE ATTACK!

THEN IT WAS ALL OVER AND I STOOD LOOKING DOWN AT BEN, AND JOE, AND JIM WHO'D NEVER HELP HIS OLD CRIPPLED DAD AGAIN...
THEM AND ALL THE OTHERS THAT DIED...ALL BECAUSE THE REDS KNEW OUR MOVEMENTS... FROM BOOTS' SIGNALS!
C'MON, TURCOTT! LET'S GET THAT EXECUTION OVER WITH!

I STOOD UP THERE AND LOOKED AT BOOTS, AND I DIDN'T SEE MY BUDDY ANYMORE...I SAW A COLD-EYED SPY, WHO'D SOLD OUT HIS COUNTRY FOR MONEY...
GET READY ...AIM...

AND AS I CENTERED MY SIGHTS ON HIS HEART, I WAS GLAD THAT I HAD BEEN OF THOSE CHOSEN FOR THIS TASK!
FIRE!
THE END

MUTINY MEANS DEATH!

I SAILED under Captain Josephus Banner for five years, and I knew him well. Better than anyone else who ever sailed with him, and I can tell you that he wasn't the cruel, hard-hearted man they all made him out to be.

He was just slightly mad.

We set out for the Azores on August 10th 1943. Having just filled our fuel supply of bunkers, on the Island of Aruba in the Dutch West Indies, we were set to load cargo in the Azores and shuttle between Bahrein, Arabia, and Okinawa—for a year. You can well imagine how unhappy we all were. None of us knew—when we signed the Articles—of the nature of the voyage, or how long it would take, and the thought of being away from the U.S., our families and friends, for a year made us all a little bitter. Other crews were fortunate to pick a coastwise voyage, from Norfolk to Corpus Christi, or even a Trans Atlantic trip to Le Havre or Marseilles and back to the states. But not us. Not the crew of the S/S Bunker Hill. We had to pick a shuttle run for a year from the hottest spot in the world — Bahrein — to the most desolate rock on the earth —Okinawa—It wasn't going to be fun.

Especially when the rest of crew found out that our captain was mad.

The first incident occurred just two days out of Aruba. Teddy Hines, the bosun with the silver plate in his skull (he got that from being torpedoed on a run to Murmansk) had put in a sick call because of the heat. Whenever it got too hot out, the protective plate gave Teddy a headache, and this morning he had gotten it pretty bad.

I heard the Captain storm out of his office. His face was beet-red, as if he'd been drinking—only the old man never touched a drop in his life—and he was shouting at the top of his lungs.

"Get that lazy, good-for-nothing bosun out of his sack! This is no passenger ship! Roll him out, and tell him to get aloft and fix that antenna on the midships mast! Get him! Or I'll cancel leave for every blasted man-jack on this ship!"

He was screaming, and his voice cut the hot noon air like a keening buzz-saw that cuts into a man's nerves. It was at moments like this that you could see he was mad. Mad with the power of a man who has the power of life and death over his fellow men, mad with the strain of too many years of harrowing experiences on the cruel and fickle sea. I had known that he was different from other men; I'd been his purser for five years. But it was not until this voyage that I discovered how *different* he was, how much the lives of fifty men hung in the balance of his tottering mind. Sometimes he appeared sane, but at other times he was a man who should have been in a straight-jacket, or shot like a mad dog. I knew. Working so close to him, I suffered most, and knew the workings of his poor twisted mind, better than anyone else.

Teddy Hines turned out, and went aloft to fix the ship's antenna. He was a good boy, Teddy was, but that plate in his head was just too much for him. He worked out there in the hot blazing sun for three hours before it got him. Something happened. He lost consciousness and fell to the deck. In an hour he was dead.

The captain was overcome with remorse. "Why?" he said to me, "Why did I send him up there? I knew the condition he was in. What came over me?"

There was nothing that I could tell him. Any reference to his mental condition or a suggestion that he relinquish his command to the Chief Mate would only drive him into a worse frenzy. I could just listen, and watch, and see the horrible thing that was to come.

The crew became ugly. Captain Banner was — at best — a hard taskmaster. The long voyage, and now fear and hatred because of Teddy's death, started murmurings of anger throughout the fo'c'sle. I feared that another incident might instigate the crew to mutiny. I feared it, because the penalty for mutiny was death—death for fifty innocent men driven to a lawless deed because of one mad cap-

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THE STORY OF AN OFFICER WHO HAD TO DEFEAT HIS WORST ENEMY...HIMSELF!
DUNNO! LET'S PAY IT NO ATTENTION WHATSOEVER AN' MAYBE IT'LL GO AWAY!
AL HARTLEY
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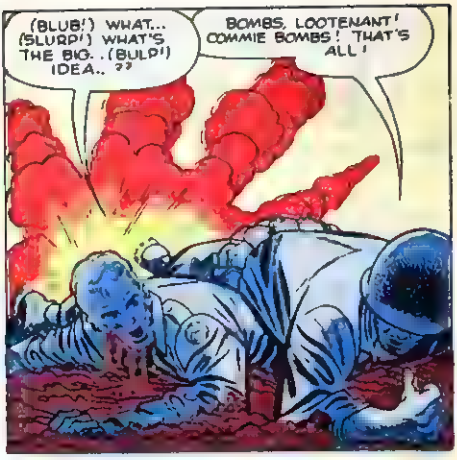
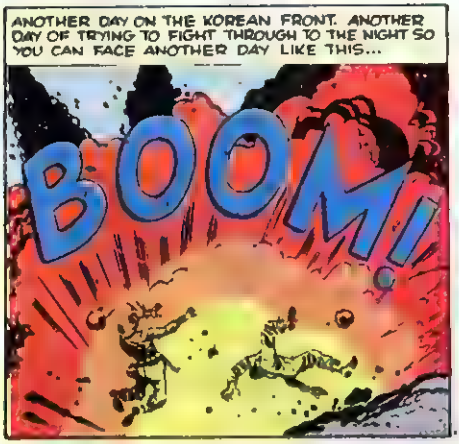
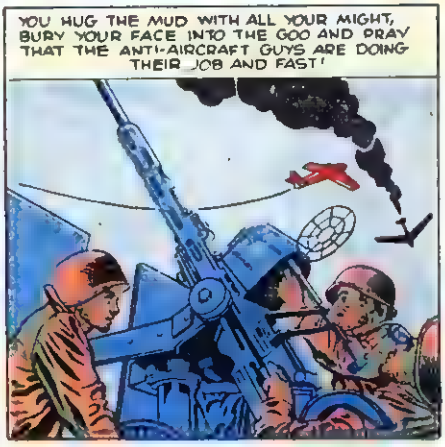
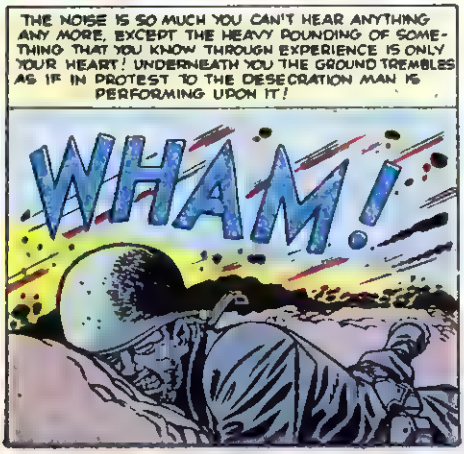
I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT ALL THIS IS CHANGED...HEY!
GOIN' DOWN, LOOTENANT!


(BLUB!) WHAT... (SLURP!) WHAT'S THE BIG..(BULP!) IDEA..??
BOMBS, LOOTENANT! COMMIE BOMBS! THAT'S ALL!


ANOTHER DAY ON THE KOREAN FRONT. ANOTHER DAY OF TRYING TO FIGHT THROUGH TO THE NIGHT SO YOU CAN FACE ANOTHER DAY LIKE THIS...
BOOM!


YOU HUG THE MUD WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, BURY YOUR FACE INTO THE GOO AND PRAY THAT THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUYS ARE DOING THEIR JOB AND FAST!


THE NOISE IS SO MUCH YOU CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING ANY MORE, EXCEPT THE HEAVY POUNDING OF SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW THROUGH EXPERIENCE IS ONLY YOUR HEART! UNDERNEATH YOU THE GROUND TREMBLES AS IF IN PROTEST TO THE DESECRATION MAN IS PERFORMING UPON IT!
WHAM!

THEN, BECAUSE YOU STILL THINK, YOU KNOW YOU'RE ALIVE SO THAT YOU CAN FACE ANOTHER RAID LIKE THIS! IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH ANYWAY, YOU FEEL! THIS TIME, EVEN IF IT ISN'T YOU, IT'S SOMEBODY ELSE...

HOW COME THE STRETCHER-BEARERS AND THE MEDICS TO HELP THOSE WHO CAN BE HELPED...
YUH FEELING ALL RIGHT, LOOTENANT? YUH DON'T LOOK VERY GOOD...
I...I... FIRST TIME, YOU KNOW! DIDN'T THINK IT... ALL THESE MEN...I WAS JUST TALKING TO THIS ONE AND NOW...
TIMMY? YEAH! WE HAD A LOTTA LAUGHS TOGETHER! GOOD KID!
IF THERE WAS SOME SORT OF DISCIPLINE HERE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED! LOOK AT YOU! DIRTY, UNSHAVEN, SLOPPY, WITH NO SENSE OF MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY!
WHERE'S THE COMMANDING OFFICER? I MEAN MAJOR CUNNINGHAM! HE CAN'T HAVE ANY IDEA OF THE WAY YOU MEN ACT! WHERE IS HE?
RIGHT HERE, LOOTENANT!
WHAT! YOU! YOU'RE MAJOR CUNNINGHAM!
YEAH! WELCOME TO B COMPANY, LOOTENANT! NICE TO HAVE YOU! WELL, SEE YA AROUND!
THIS WAS LIEUT. FRANK BARRY'S INTRODUCTION TO B COMPANY AND ITS COMMANDER, MAJOR WALKER CUNNINGHAM! STUNNED AT THE ATTITUDE OF THE MAJOR AND HIS MEN, BARRY DECIDED TO TAKE STEPS...
YUH REALLY THINK SO, HUH? THE GUYS ARE REALLY SLOPPY AND UNDISCIPLINED! GEE, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, LOOTENANT! ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD! DO WHATEVER YOU WANT! ER... BY THE WAY...YUH BRING ANY COMIC BOOKS OVER FROM THE STATES?
WHAT? NO, INDEED, SIR!
SO BARRY TOOK UP THE CUDGELS OF DISCIPLINE OF TIRED, WAR-WEARY VETERANS WHO HAD LOST ALL SENSE OF THE WORLD OF PEACE AND ORDER...
FORM YOUR RANKS THERE! THAT'S NO WAY TO ADVANCE ACROSS A FIELD! HEADS UP! SNAP INTO IT!
SURE... SURE...
YEZZIR!

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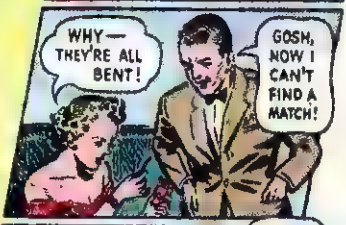

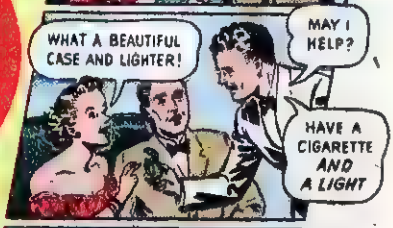

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I'LL GET ONE, TOO. WHAT A MAN!
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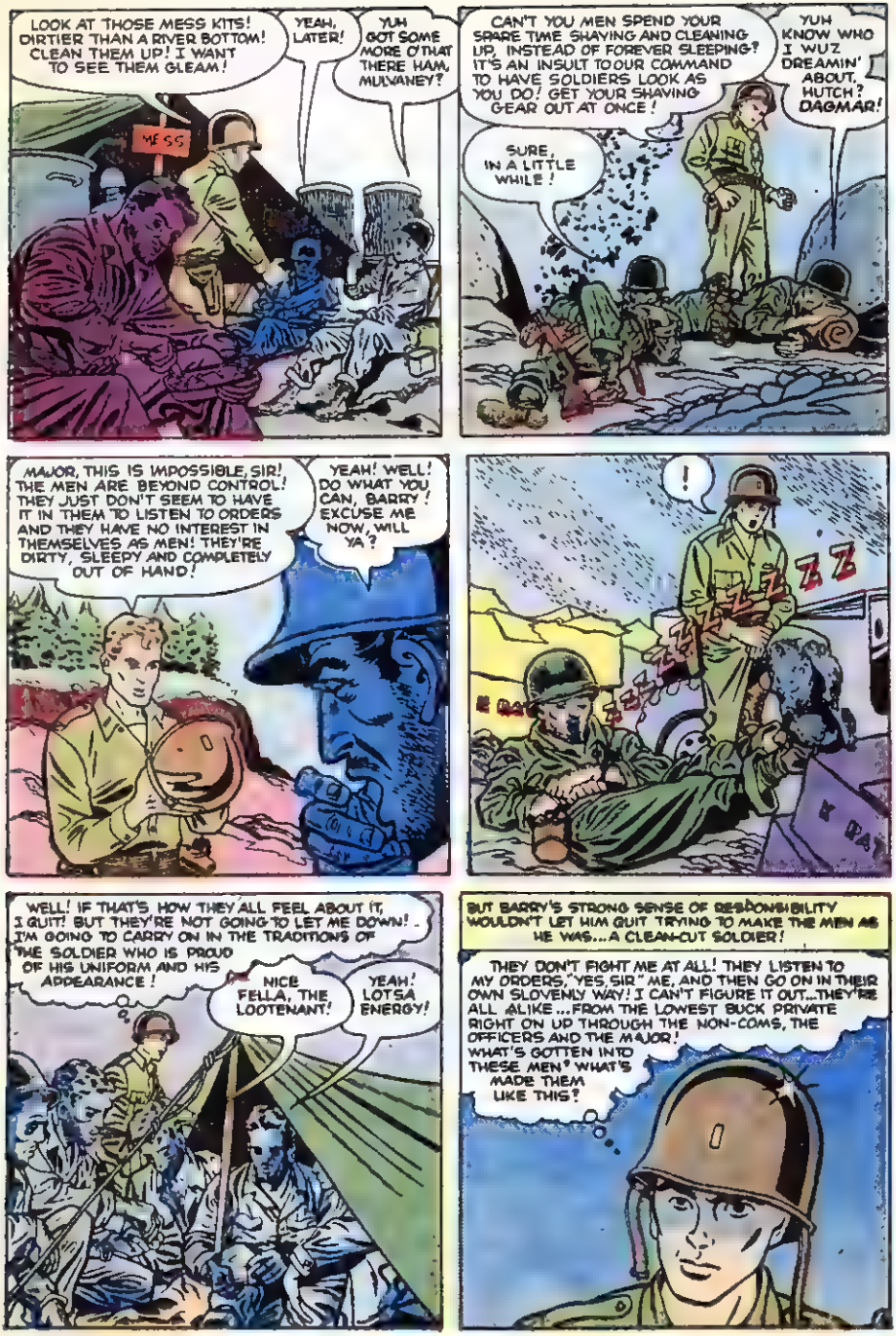
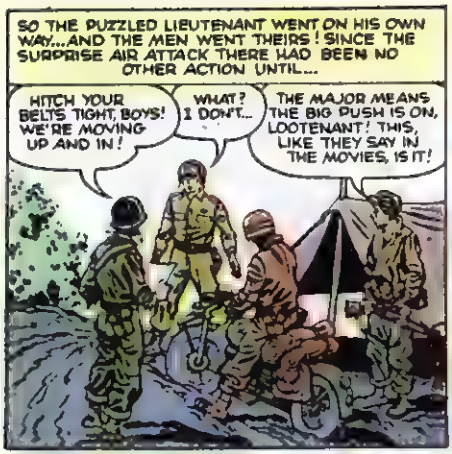
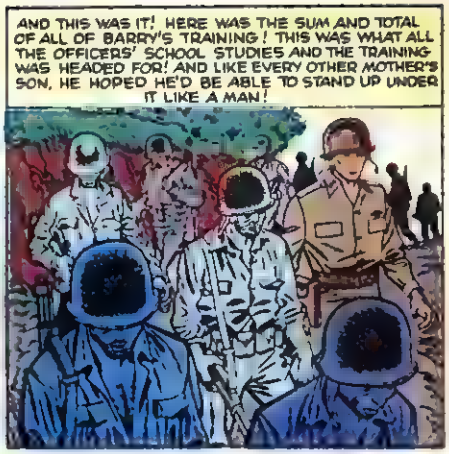
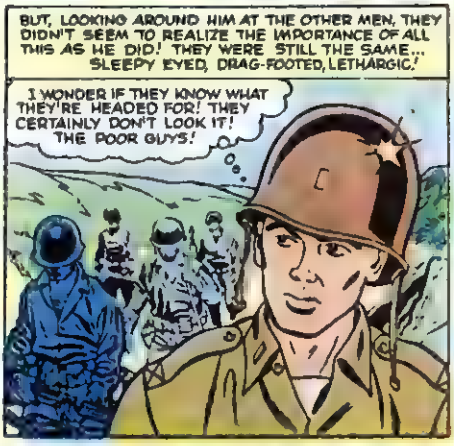
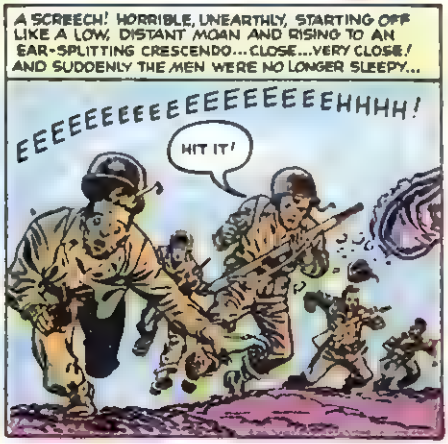

LOOK AT THOSE MESS KITS! DIRTIER THAN A RIVER BOTTOM! CLEAN THEM UP! I WANT TO SEE THEM GLEAM!
YEAH, LATER!
YUH GOT SOME MORE O'THAT THERE HAM, MULVANEY?
MESS
CAN'T YOU MEN SPEND YOUR SPARE TIME SHAVING AND CLEANING UP, INSTEAD OF FOREVER SLEEPING? IT'S AN INSULT TO OUR COMMAND TO HAVE SOLDIERS LOOK AS YOU DO! GET YOUR SHAVING GEAR OUT AT ONCE!
YUH KNOW WHO I WUZ DREAMIN' ABOUT, HUTCH? DAGMAR!
SURE, IN A LITTLE WHILE!
MAJOR, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, SIR! THE MEN ARE BEYOND CONTROL! THEY JUST DON'T SEEM TO HAVE IT IN THEM TO LISTEN TO ORDERS AND THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN THEMSELVES AS MEN! THEY'RE DIRTY, SLEEPY AND COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND!
YEAH! WELL! DO WHAT YOU CAN, BARRY! EXCUSE ME NOW, WILL YA?
!
ZZ
WELL! IF THAT'S HOW THEY ALL FEEL ABOUT IT, I QUIT! BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET ME DOWN! I'M GOING TO CARRY ON IN THE TRADITIONS OF THE SOLDIER WHO IS PROUD OF HIS UNIFORM AND HIS APPEARANCE!
NICE FELLA, THE LOOTENANT!
YEAH! LOTSA ENERGY!
BUT BARRY'S STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY WOULDN'T LET HIM QUIT TRYING TO MAKE THE MEN AS HE WAS... A CLEAN-CUT SOLDIER!
THEY DON'T FIGHT ME AT ALL! THEY LISTEN TO MY ORDERS, "YES, SIR" ME, AND THEN GO ON IN THEIR OWN SLOVENLY WAY! I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT... THEY'RE ALL ALIKE... FROM THE LOWEST BUCK PRIVATE RIGHT ON UP THROUGH THE NON-COMS, THE OFFICERS AND THE MAJOR! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THESE MEN? WHAT'S MADE THEM LIKE THIS?

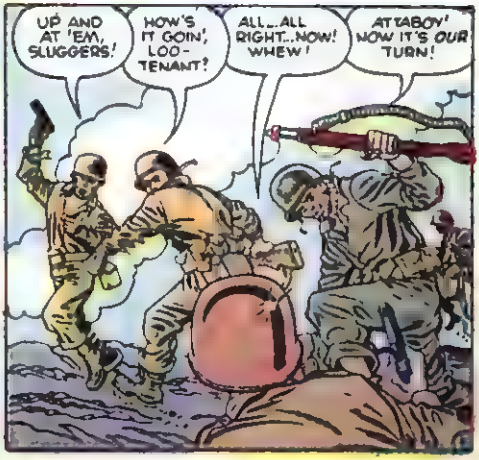

SO THE PUZZLED LIEUTENANT WENT ON HIS OWN WAY...AND THE MEN WENT THEIRS! SINCE THE SURPRISE AIR ATTACK THERE HAD BEEN NO OTHER ACTION UNTIL...
HITCH YOUR BELTS TIGHT, BOYS! WE'RE MOVING UP AND IN!
WHAT? I DON'T...
THE MAJOR MEANS THE BIG PUSH IS ON, LOOTENANT! THIS, LIKE THEY SAY IN THE MOVIES, IS IT!


AND THIS WAS IT! HERE WAS THE SUM AND TOTAL OF ALL OF BARRY'S TRAINING! THIS WAS WHAT ALL THE OFFICERS' SCHOOL STUDIES AND THE TRAINING WAS HEADED FOR! AND LIKE EVERY OTHER MOTHER'S SON, HE HOPED HE'D BE ABLE TO STAND UP UNDER IT LIKE A MAN!

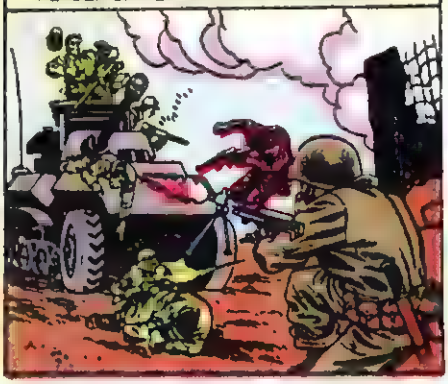

BUT, LOOKING AROUND HIM AT THE OTHER MEN, THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL THIS AS HE DID! THEY WERE STILL THE SAME... SLEEPY EYED, DRAG-FOOTED, LETHARGIC!
I WONDER IF THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE HEADED FOR! THEY CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK IT! THE POOR GUYS!


A SCREECH! HORRIBLE, UNEARTHLY, STARTING OFF LIKE A LOW, DISTANT MOAN AND RISING TO AN EAR-SPLITTING CRESCENDO...CLOSE...VERY CLOSE! AND SUDDENLY THE MEN WERE NO LONGER SLEEPY...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEHHHH!
HIT IT!

BA-RA-BOOM!


UP AND AT 'EM, SLUGGERS!
HOW'S IT GOIN', LOO-TENANT?
ALL...ALL RIGHT...NOW! WHEW!
ATTABOY! NOW IT'S OUR TURN!

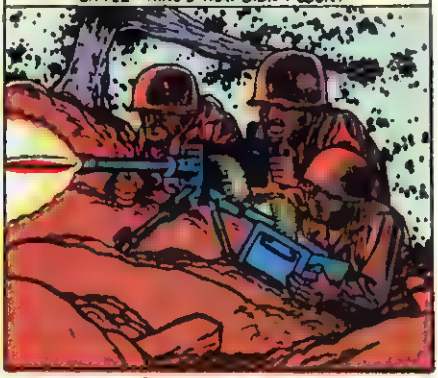
THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A PARAGRAPH OR TWO IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER ABOUT THAT BATTLE! IT PROBABLY DESCRIBED THE PURPOSE OF THE COMBAT, THE NUMBER OF MEN KILLED AND WOUNDED...



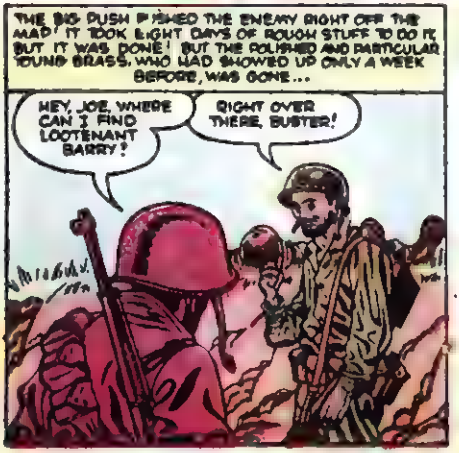
AND THE RUGGED RESISTANCE OF THE ENEMY...

YES, IT MAY HAVE TOLD ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT... BUT NOTHING ABOUT A CERTAIN YOUNG LIEUTENANT WHO FOUGHT LIKE A DEVIL...WHO GOT HIS CLOTHES TORN AND DIRTIED...WHO DIDN'T SHAVE FOR MORE THAN A WEEK!

JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THE GRIMY, MUD-FOOTED, DIRTY, UNSHAVEN GUYS WHO HAD TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO WIN A WAR AND FORGET ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS THAT DIDN'T COUNT!

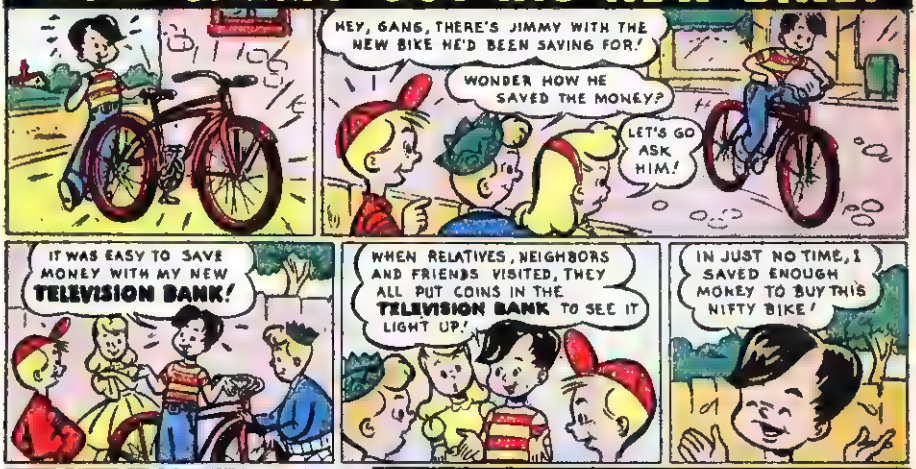


THE BIG PUSH PUSHED THE ENEMY RIGHT OFF THE MAP! IT TOOK EIGHT DAYS OF ROUGH STUFF TO DO IT, BUT IT WAS DONE! BUT THE POLISHED AND PARTICULAR YOUNG BRASS, WHO HAD SHOWED UP ONLY A WEEK BEFORE, WAS GONE...



AND IN HIS PLACE WAS A COMBAT VETERAN!

HOW JIMMY GOT HIS NEW BIKE!


HEY, GANG, THERE'S JIMMY WITH THE NEW BIKE HE'D BEEN SAVING FOR!
WONDER HOW HE SAVED THE MONEY?
LET'S GO ASK HIM!
IT WAS EASY TO SAVE MONEY WITH MY NEW TELEVISION BANK!
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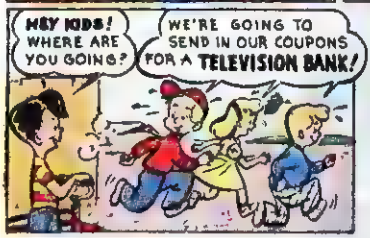

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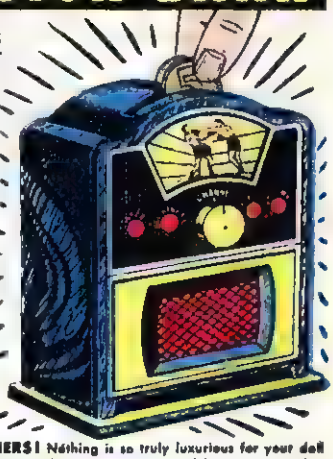

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tain. It would be up to me to prevent it.

Two weeks later the incident occurred.

The men were being punished *en masse*, because one young Ordinary Seaman had fallen asleep on the bow watch. Banner had gone berserk and beaten the boy into insensibility with his cane. Then, to set an example, he doubled all watches, forcing the men to do double work with less sleep. He also stopped all rations of cigarettes.

When I tried to warn him of a possible mutiny he struck me, and accused me of being the plotter that was trying to take his command away from him. I never brought up the subject again.

Meanwhile things grew more tense. Every night there were meetings in the fo'c'sle. Mutiny was in the air

It was on the night that the storm started. We were two days out of port when it hit us and it looked as if we would not escape without damage. Without a full load, the ship found it impossible to maneuver without straining her hull, and before anyone knew what had happened two plates in the midships section were cracked. Captain Banner lost all control of himself. He ordered two young Able Bodied Seamen over the side to fix the plates. I tried to reason with him.

"But, Captain," I said, "in this storm they'll be washed away before they ever reach the damaged area. It's just a waste of human life."

"What do I care about human life?" he screamed over the raging gale. "Life is cheap, but this is my ship — my ship, do you hear? And I'll send all fifty men down to Davy Jones if I have to, in order to save my ship."

He turned to the men and whipped out his pistol. "Get over the side, and weld those plates!"

One of the youths took a menacing step towards the captain, is if to take the gun from him by force, but the other seamen held his arm.

"Don't start anything, Joey, not yet."

"What do you mean, 'not yet'." shouted Banner. "If you men think you're going to try anything on my ship I'll have you all put to death. I'm captain of

this vessel, and you'll do as I say, or by Judas I'll have the skin flayed from your back."

One of the men shouted: "Floggin's against the law. You know that as well as we do."

Under the glare of the ship's port-lights I could see Banner's face turn purple with rage. His fury was so great that for a moment he could not speak. Then he shrieked:

"I'm the law here. By Judas, I'll kill you all right now. I'll show you to tell me that flogging's against the law."

With that, he turned and dashed into his cabin and returned a few moments later with a cat o'nine tails. Without stopping to speak he laid the lash across the face of the man who had dared to quote the law to him. The man screamed in pain and fell to his knees. Again and again the crazed captain laid the "cat" to him. Two men leaped forward to stop him, but with his madman's strength he flung them aside and kept on with the whip until the seaman passed out.

He stood there, blood from the lash splattered on his face and mixing with the rainwater that streamed down his cheeks. He stood there in mad ecstasy as he waited for someone else to say or do something that might be construed as questioning his all-powerful authority.

Through all of this I stood there helpless, deciding the most horrible deed that I knew that I had to do. I turned it over and over in my mind, as I had for a long time, forseeing the time when this day would come. I saw a group of men working their way along the side of the railing. They held belaying-pins in their hands, and were trying to get behind him. The men in front of him were inching forward, a growling, snarling mass ready to take the law into their own hands, through mutiny, and thus seal their fate—death.

The time had come. There was nothing else I could do.

I pulled out my automatic and shot him twice in the head.

That was the story of how it happened. Afterward I explained to the men why I had to do it. It was better that one man—I—should pay for the death of the captain, than that an entire crew of fifty die for mutiny. But before they take me away to die by the hangman's noose, I want to tell you why it had to be me. You see, Josephus Banner was my father . . .

THE END

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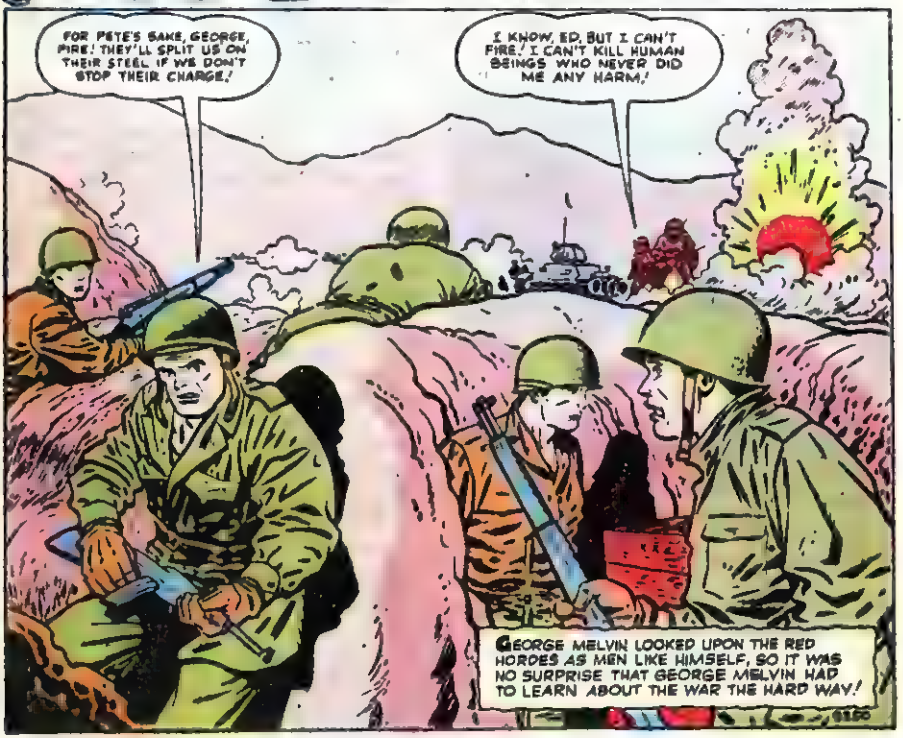
FOR PETE'S SAKE, GEORGE, FIRE! THEY'LL SPLIT US ON THEIR STEEL IF WE DON'T STOP THEIR CHARGE!
I KNOW, ED, BUT I CAN'T FIRE! I CAN'T KILL HUMAN BEINGS WHO NEVER DID ME ANY HARM!
GEORGE MELVIN LOOKED UPON THE RED HORDES AS MEN LIKE HIMSELF, SO IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT GEORGE MELVIN HAD TO LEARN ABOUT THE WAR THE HARD WAY!

ON A SHELL PITTED ROAD IN NORTH KOREA, A COMPANY OF REINFORCEMENTS SLOGGED PAST A LONG COLUMN OF RED PRISONERS.

LOOK AT 'EM, ED! DO THOSE REDS LOOK INHUMAN? LIKE BEASTS OR LUNATICS? NO, THEY'RE MEN LIKE US! FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE THEY BELIEVE IS RIGHT!
MAYBE SO, GEORGE! BUT REMEMBER, THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL YOU! IN A WAR, NO MATTER WHAT A MAN'S CAUSE IS, IT'S A CASE OF KILL OR BE KILLED!

BUT WHEN YOU KILL OTHERS JUST TO STAY ALIVE YOURSELF, YOU'RE COMMITTING NOTHING BUT MURDER!
YOU'RE EITHER OFF YOUR NUT, MELVIN, OR YOU'RE A COMMIE SYMPATHIZER!

DON'T SAY I'M A COMMIE, REGAN, OR I'LL KNOCK YOUR TEETH OUT. I HATE COMMUNISM.
THE HECK YOU DO! YAPPIN' AWAY HOW THE REDS ARE LIKE YOU AND ME...WANTIN' PEACE AN' A DECENT JOB. FORCED TO OBEY THE ORDERS OF THEIR TYRANT LEADERS.
THEY'RE MURDERERS AN' MADMEN. THEY'LL DESTROY ANYBODY WHO THINKS DIFFERENT FROM THEM, AN' ANY GUY WHO AGREES WITH THEM IS NOTHING BUT A DIRTY COMMIE HIMSELF.
OKAY, REGAN, YOU ASKED FOR IT.
BREAK IT UP. SAVE YOUR FIGHTING FOR THE REDS.
HIM...HE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT AT ALL, LIEUTENANT. THE GUY'S A COMMIE SPY.
THAT'S A DIRTY LIE.
LISTEN, REGAN, MELVIN'S YAPPING COMES FROM INEXPERIENCE. LET MELVIN GET A TASTE OF COMBAT AND HE WON'T THINK SO HIGHLY OF THE COMMIES' IDEALS. NOW, GET MOVING.
YES, SIR.
THE LIEUTENANT'S WRONG, MELVIN. YOU'RE A RED SPY. I'M KEEPIN' AN EYE ON YOU, MELVIN. IF YOU PULL A FAST ONE, REMEMBER, I'LL KILL YOU.
THAT NIGHT THE REDS' BIG GUNS POURED DEATH INTO THE HILLS KNOWN BRIEFLY AS SALIENT-86.
IN SALIENT-86 MEN BURROWED INTO THE EARTH LIKE WORMS, HOPING AN EXTRA INCH OF EARTH MIGHT KEEP THE STEEL AND FLAME AWAY. MANY HOPED IN VAIN...
EEEEEE!

YOUR RED BUDDIES ARE OUT THERE, MELVIN, LOOKIN' FOR US WITH STEEL FINGERS. NICE PEACEFUL GUYS, AIN'T THEY? GOT NOTHIN' ON THEIR MINDS BUT THEIR KIDDIES AND RICE PADDIES.
'DOWN, REGAN! THAT SHELL'S GONNA LAND MIGHTY CLOSE!
WHUMMPP!
BAMM!
EEIII!
SEVEN DEAD MEN, THEIR BODIES TORN AND BLEEDING, LAY SCATTERED OVER THE BATTLEGROUND...
REGAN'S DEAD! LOOK AT HIM! HIS HANDS ARE BLOWN OFF! THIS... THIS IS HORRIBLE!
ALL WAR IS HORRIBLE, GEORGE! THAT'S WHY I SAY, "KILL OR BE KILLED." IDEAS, RIGHT OR WRONG, DON'T COUNT ANYMORE!
ED'S RIGHT, GEORGE. I WANT TO PLAY THE PIANO AGAIN LIKE I DID BEFORE THE ARMY TOOK ME! THESE HANDS GOT TO PLAY THOSE KEYS AGAIN OR I DON'T WANT TO LIVE!
THEY WANT TO LIVE TOO, DAVE!
THEY WANT THEIR HANDS ATTACHED TO THEIR SHOULDERS TOO, WHEN THEY MARCH HOME! TO PLOW WITH, TO BUILD HOMES WITH, TO HOLD THEIR KIDS WITH!
I CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THEIR HANDS, GEORGE! ONLY MINE! THEY WANT TO TAKE MINE AWAY FROM ME! IT WOULD KILL ME, GEORGE, NOT TO PLAY AGAIN!
BAM!
A FEW HOURS LATER THE BIG GUNS WERE SILENT BECAUSE THE LOADERS AND FIRERS OF THE GUNS WERE SILENT... THANKS TO U.S. AIR STRAFING POWER 'BY DAWN, GEORGE MELVIN'S COMPANY WAS OVER THE HILL!
YOU'LL PLAY THE PIANO AGAIN, DAVE!
SURE I WILL BUT I HAVE TO KILL TO DO IT! LIKE ED SAID, "IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED!"
I WANT TO SEE THOSE FINGERS TICKLE THE IVORIES AGAIN! HAD ONE OF THE BEST LEFT HANDS IN THE BUSINESS! LOOK AT THOSE FINGERS GO, MAN!
POOR GUYS! LOOK AT 'EM! MEN JUST LIKE US... MASHED INTO THE MUD!

DON'T BE A SUCKER, GEORGE. WE'D BE ROTTING IN THE HILLS IF NOT FOR OUR AIR FORCES.'
YOU HATE THEM, ED.' YOU SHOULDN'T.' YOU SHOULD PITY THEM.' THEY'RE MEN LIKE US.' MEN WITH THE SAME HOPES AND DREAMS!
BUT MELVIN'S COMPANY CAME TO HAND-TO-HAND GRIPS WITH THE MEN WITH THE SAME HOPES AND DREAMS...
DON'T CLUB 'EM, YOU SOFT HEARTED DUMMY.' STAB 'EM.' BLAST 'EM.'
I CAN'T, ED.' I CAN'T.' I CAN'T KILL MEN LIKE MYSELF.'
THAT NIGHT MEN "LIKE MELVIN" COUNTER-ATTACKED, RUSHING THE AMERICAN POSITIONS MADLY, TRAMPING OVER THEIR OWN DEAD.
POUR IT ON! CONCENTRATE YOUR FIRE! BREAK THEIR ATTACK, OR THEY'LL OVERRUN OUR POSITION.'
SHOOT, BLAST YA, SHOOT.'
I CAN'T, DAVE.' I CAN'T KILL HUMAN BEINGS!
SO GEORGE MELVIN HELD HIS FIRE, HIS SOUL TORMENTED WITH DOUBT, UNTIL...
RETREAT.' TAKE UP POSITIONS ON HILL 342 WITH COMPANY 'W.' GET GOING, EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF.'
SOME MEN MADE HILL 342, SOME SURRENDERED...
SOME MEN, HOURS LATER, WERE SENT OUT ON PATROL...
LOOK FOR OUR BOYS.' SEE IF THE REDS TOOK ANY OF 'EM PRISONER.' FREE AS MANY AS YOU CAN, AND BRING 'EM BACK.' WE CAN USE ALL THE FIRE-POWER WE CAN GET.'
THE LIEUTENANT'S DREAMIN'.' THEM REDS TAKE NO PRISONERS, EXCEPT TO TORTURE THEM.'
TORTURE 'EM? YOU'RE CRAZY.' THOSE TORTURE STORIES ARE PROPAGANDA.' THE REDS ARE ALSO FIGHTING FOR WHAT THEY FEEL IS RIGHT.'
YEAH? WAIT AN' SEE HOW MANY PRISONERS YOU FIND ALIVE!'

OHHH!
THERE'S ONE OF OUR BOYS! LOOK WHAT THEY DID TO HIM!
NO! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
BUT AS MELVIN MOVED FORWARD, FOOT BY FOOT, HE SAW THE IMPOSSIBLE WAS EXTREMELY POSSIBLE...
NO! NO! THEY COULDN'T!
MACHINE-GUNNED IN THE BACK!
EEEAA!
HOW COULD HUMAN BEINGS DO TH--? D-DAVE'S VOICE!!
PLEASE DON'T CHOP MY HANDS OFF! NOT MY HANDS! (SOB!) I NEED MY HANDS!
THE DIRTY, MURDERING...
EEIII!
CRACK! CRACK!
EEEIII!
TORTURERS, MURDERERS, DIRTY, ROTTEN BUTCHERS!
I WAS A FOOL, A SUCKER! I GAVE YOU CREDIT FOR BEING HUMAN BEINGS! YOU'RE WORSE THAN RATTLESNAKES! DIE, YOU TWO-LEGGED MONSTERS, DIE!
BR-RA
TAT!
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
LOOK AT THOSE BOOGIE WOOGIE FINGERS GO TO TOWN, GEORGE! WHEN I THINK WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED...
I SEE IT NOW, DAVE! THIS IS WAR, AND IN WAR IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED! ESPECIALLY WITH THIS KIND OF ENEMY!
LEAD THE WAY, GEORGE! YOU KNOW HOW NOW!
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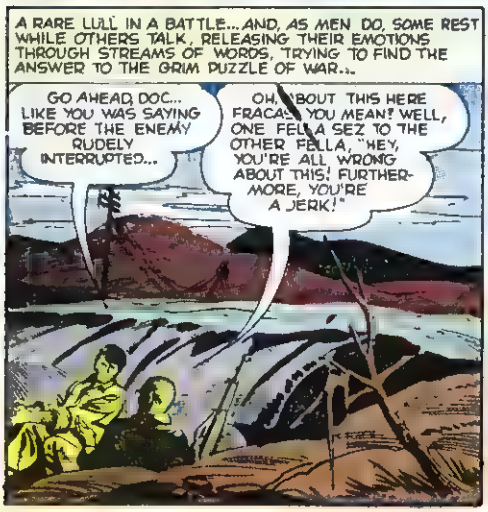
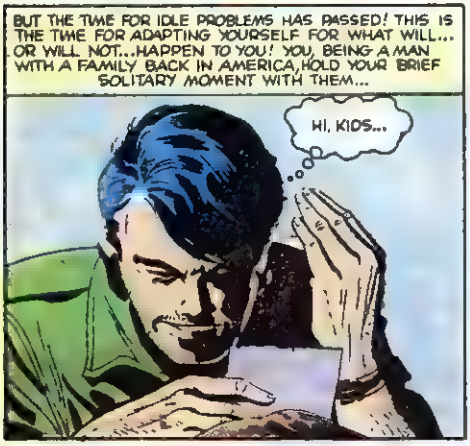

A RARE LULL IN A BATTLE... AND, AS MEN DO, SOME REST WHILE OTHERS TALK, RELEASING THEIR EMOTIONS THROUGH STREAMS OF WORDS, TRYING TO FIND THE ANSWER TO THE GRIM PUZZLE OF WAR...
GO AHEAD, DOC... LIKE YOU WAS SAYING BEFORE THE ENEMY RUDELY INTERRUPTED...
OH, 'BOUT THIS HERE FRACAS, YOU MEAN? WELL, ONE FELLA SEZ TO THE OTHER FELLA, "HEY, YOU'RE ALL WRONG ABOUT THIS! FURTHER-MORE, YOU'RE A JERK!"

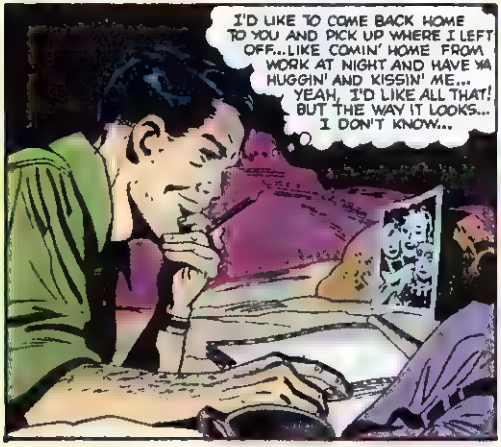
WELL, THE OTHER FELLA GETS KINDA UPSET ABOUT THIS, SO HE SEZ, "SO ARE YOU, CHUM, AND DOUBLE IN SPADES!" SO THEY SWING AT EACH OTHER AND HERE WE ARE TO PROVE WE'RE RIGHT!
SO THAT'S WHAT WAR IS, HUH? VERY CLEAR... LIKE A DRUNK'S EYES! I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT IT *REALLY* IS SOME DAY!

PHOOEY! STOP TRYIN' TO FIGURE SOMETHING THAT'S OVER OUR HEADS! WE'RE LITTLE GUYS! WE DON'T KNOW FROM NOTHIN'! LET THE BIG GUYS DO THE BRAIN WORK! WE'LL DO THE FIGHTIN'!
YA GOTTA THINK THINGS OUT, AIN'TCHA? YA GOTTA TRY TO FIGURE A BIG DEAL LIKE THIS, AINTCHA? WHATTA WE GOT BRAINS FOR?

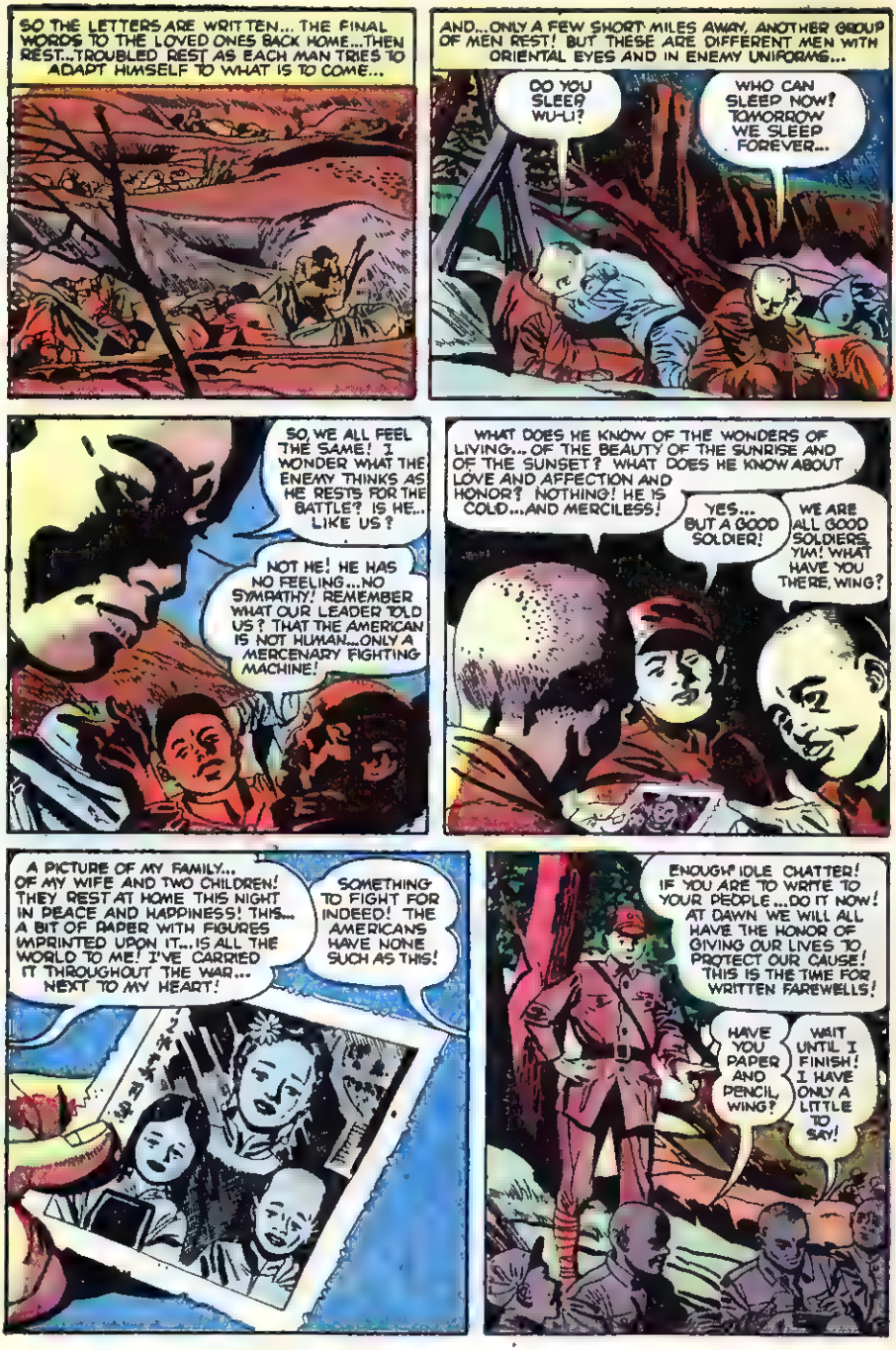
BREAK IT UP, YOU GUYS! PASS THE WORD ALONG...THE BIG PUSH IS AT DAWN! IT'S EVERYTHING OR NOTHIN'! YA GOT ANY LETTERS TO WRITE... WRITE 'EM NOW!
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, OWEN... IT'S EVERYTHIN' OR NUTTIN'! SEE?


BUT THE TIME FOR IDLE PROBLEMS HAS PASSED! THIS IS THE TIME FOR ADAPTING YOURSELF FOR WHAT WILL... OR WILL NOT...HAPPEN TO YOU! YOU, BEING A MAN WITH A FAMILY BACK IN AMERICA, HOLD YOUR BRIEF SOLITARY MOMENT WITH THEM...
HI, KIDS...

LOOKING NOW AT THEIR PLEASANT, INNOCENT FACES, IT'S HARD TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY FROM THEM, THAT YOU ARE A SOLDIER WHO IS KILLING TO KEEP FROM BEING KILLED!
YOU'RE ALL MINE, FAMILY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT OUT HERE...AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO!


I'D LIKE TO COME BACK HOME TO YOU AND PICK UP WHERE I LEFT OFF...LIKE COMIN' HOME FROM WORK AT NIGHT AND HAVE YA HUGGIN' AND KISSIN' ME... YEAH, I'D LIKE ALL THAT! BUT THE WAY IT LOOKS... I DON'T KNOW...

BUT I CAN'T TELL YA THAT...I GOTTA KEEP YA HAPPY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE! I GOTTA WRITE IT DIFFERENT... LET'S SEE! HOW'LL I START IT?

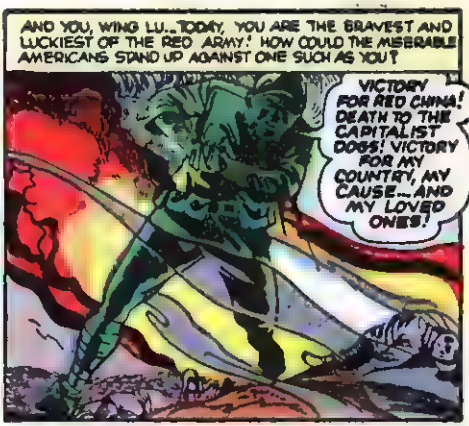

SO THE LETTERS ARE WRITTEN... THE FINAL WORDS TO THE LOVED ONES BACK HOME...THEN REST...TROUBLED REST AS EACH MAN TRIES TO ADAPT HIMSELF TO WHAT IS TO COME...
AND...ONLY A FEW SHORT MILES AWAY, ANOTHER GROUP OF MEN REST! BUT THESE ARE DIFFERENT MEN WITH ORIENTAL EYES AND IN ENEMY UNIFORMS...
DO YOU SLEEP WU-LI?
WHO CAN SLEEP NOW? TOMORROW WE SLEEP FOREVER...
SO, WE ALL FEEL THE SAME! I WONDER WHAT THE ENEMY THINKS AS HE RESTS FOR THE BATTLE? IS HE... LIKE US?
NOT HE! HE HAS NO FEELING...NO SYMPATHY! REMEMBER WHAT OUR LEADER TOLD US? THAT THE AMERICAN IS NOT HUMAN...ONLY A MERCENARY FIGHTING MACHINE!
WHAT DOES HE KNOW OF THE WONDERS OF LIVING... OF THE BEAUTY OF THE SUNRISE AND OF THE SUNSET? WHAT DOES HE KNOW ABOUT LOVE AND AFFECTION AND HONOR? NOTHING! HE IS COLD...AND MERCILESS!
YES... BUT A GOOD SOLDIER!
WE ARE ALL GOOD SOLDIERS, YUM! WHAT HAVE YOU THERE, WING?
A PICTURE OF MY FAMILY... OF MY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN! THEY REST AT HOME THIS NIGHT IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS! THIS... A BIT OF PAPER WITH FIGURES IMPRINTED UPON IT... IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME! I'VE CARRIED IT THROUGHOUT THE WAR... NEXT TO MY HEART!
SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR INDEED! THE AMERICANS HAVE NONE SUCH AS THIS!
ENOUGH IDLE CHATTER! IF YOU ARE TO WRITE TO YOUR PEOPLE...DO IT NOW! AT DAWN WE WILL ALL HAVE THE HONOR OF GIVING OUR LIVES TO PROTECT OUR CAUSE! THIS IS THE TIME FOR WRITTEN FAREWELLS!
HAVE YOU PAPER AND PENCIL, WING?
WAIT UNTIL I FINISH! I HAVE ONLY A LITTLE TO SAY!

MILES APART TWO MEN, ENEMIES SWORN TO DESTROY EACH OTHER... EACH WITH THE SAME DREAMS AND HOPES AS THE DARK NIGHT GROWS INTO A GRIM DAWN...
AS LONG AS I GOT THIS PICTURE WITH ME, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
THE PICTURE OF MY FAMILY IS A GOOD LUCK CHARM! WITH IT I CANNOT DIE!
THE DAWN IS GRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS! ONLY THOSE WITHOUT IMAGINATION SLEEP! OTHERS HOLD THEIR OWN SPECIAL COMMUNION WITH WHATEVER THEY HOLD SACRED!
GET SET, GUYS! RISE AND SHINE!
GO SOAK YER HEAD, SARGE!
WATCHA GOT THERE, OWEY? YER PICTURE!
YEAH, MAKES ME FEEL I'M BACK WITH THEM! LIKE ALL THIS IS A BAD DREAM! I'M KEEPIN' IT IN THIS TIN JUST IN CASE...
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF PUTTING THE PICTURE IN THAT METAL BOX?
SO THAT AT LEAST NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO IT, NO MATTER WHAT BECOMES OF ME!
BOYS, I AM SORRY TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE NO EXTRAS WITH US ON THIS MESS! THAT MEANS LETTERS, PICTURES AND SO ON! ONLY DOG TAGS! THAT'S AN ORDER!
SO THAT WE MAY DO BATTLE WITH EVERY OUNCE OF SKILL, YOU WILL LEAVE BEHIND EVERY BIT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS SAVE THOSE ISSUED TO YOU! SOUVENIRS, LETTERS, PHOTOS... EVERYTHING MUST BE LEFT BEHIND!
SO... WE PART...

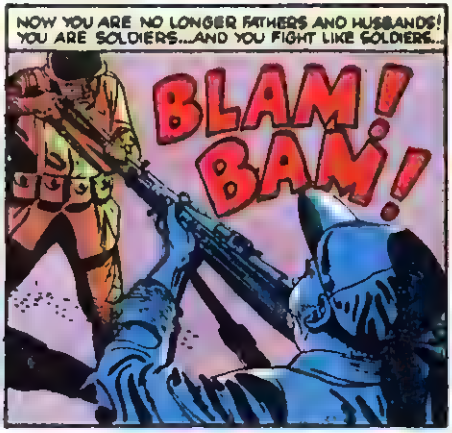
CAN'T LEAVE IT ALL LOCKED UP! I'LL LEAVE IT HERE... WHERE I SLEPT LAST! WAIT FOR ME, SWEETIES...I'LL TRY TO BE BACK!
HERE IN THE SUN, OUT OF THE DARKNESS, WILL I PLACE MY LOVED ONES! PRAY THAT I SHALL RETURN!
IT'S HERE, GUYS! START MOVING UP!
ALL RIGHT! GET THE LEAD OUT! MOVE!
ADVANCE! LET THE ENEMY FEEL THE COLD STEEL AND THE HOT BULLETS! GLORY TO THE CAUSE!
WAR ISN'T ONLY SENTIMENT AND LONELINESS! IT IS FIGHTING AND KILLING...AND THE FIRST CHARGE TOWARD THE FORMIDABLE ENEMY!
BOOM!
ZINGG--
IT IS THE FIRST DEADLY BARRAGE THAT MEETS YOU AS YOU CLIMB OVER THE BODIES OF YOUR FRIENDS WHO FELL BEFORE YOU!

IT IS THE SICKENING WHINE OF BULLETS, THE SUDDEN UPHEAVAL OF THE EARTH AS THE HEAVY BOMBS LAND!
BOOM
RAT-TAT-TAT-RAT-RAT-TAT-T-
IT IS THE FIGHTING TO KILL OR BE KILLED, THE MERCILESS DISREGARD OF ALL THINGS HUMAN...THE REVERSION TO THINGS PRIMEVAL!
STILL LOOKIN' FOR A REASON FOR ALL THIS, OWEY, OR AIN'TCHA GOT TIME TO THINK NOW?
YOU HIT IT, MUGSY! I AIN'T A LOVIN' HUSBAND AND FATHER NOW! I'M SOMETHING ELSE...BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT!
YOU FIGHT WITH COURAGE, WING... LIKE A DEMON!
I THINK OF MY FAMILY! I FIGHT FOR THEM!
BUT YOU TWO MEN... YOU'RE LUCKY! WHILE YOUR BUDDIES AND COMRADES DIE ALL AROUND YOU, YOU STILL KEEP GOING...UNTOUCHED BY DEATH THAT STRIKES LIKE MANIFOLD LIGHTNING ALL AROUND YOU! YES, YOU ARE LUCKY!
BAM!
BLAM!

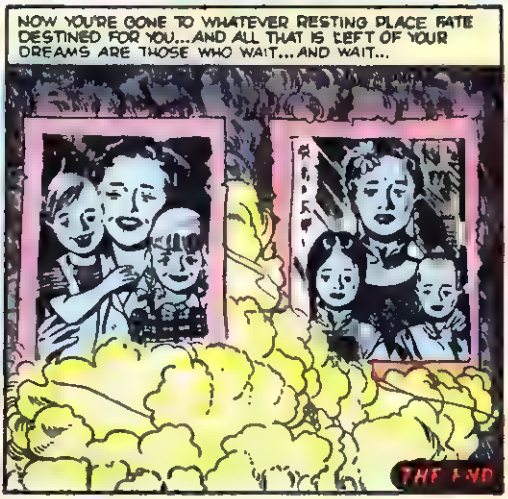
LUCKY ALL THE WAY, AREN'T YOU, OWEN O'BRIEN? THE REDS ARE LIKE NOTHING AS YOU CHARGE THROUGH THEM, KNOCKING THEM OFF LIKE DUCKS ON A POND!
NUTHIN'S STOPPIN' ME, YA LOUSY COMMIES! I GOT TOO MUCH TO LIVE FOR!


AND YOU, WING LU...TODAY, YOU ARE THE BRAVEST AND LUCKIEST OF THE RED ARMY! HOW COULD THE MISERABLE AMERICANS STAND UP AGAINST ONE SUCH AS YOU?
VICTORY FOR RED CHINA! DEATH TO THE CAPITALIST DOGS! VICTORY FOR MY COUNTRY, MY CAUSE...AND MY LOVED ONES!

YOU HAVE TO COME FACE TO FACE! IT IS DESTINED TO BE THIS WAY...THERE CAN BE NO OTHER WAY! YOU TWO MEN...SO MUCH ALIKE...


NOW YOU ARE NO LONGER FATHERS AND HUSBANDS! YOU ARE SOLDIERS...AND YOU FIGHT LIKE SOLDIERS...
BLAM! BAM!

...AND YOU DIE LIKE SOLDIERS...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